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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES DECLINE 6.1 PERCENT IN 1987

NEW YORK, June 16--The value of building permits issued by the nation's 202 largest cities declined 6.1 percent in 1987 to $52.3 billion from $55.7 billion in 1986, according to The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

"More than half of the nation's largest cities reported decreases in building permit values from year-ago levels," said Joseph W. Duncan, corporate economist and chief statistician for The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. "Although construction activity has been leveling off in the past two years after three years of record growth, the current level of building permit values remains high."

Duncan noted that the largest increases occurred in cities in the Pacific, South Atlantic, Middle Atlantic, New England, and East North Central regions.

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The largest increase was reported in Miami Beach, Fla., where permit values rose 243.4 percent to $93.8 million from $27.3 million in 1986. The issuance in February of permits for remodeling and expanding the Theatre For Performing Arts in Miami Beach, accounted for 57 percent of the 1987 total.

Dayton, Ohio, had the second largest percentage increase of building permit values in 1987, up 113.4 percent to $201.2 million from $94.3 million in 1986. In Dayton, the increase was due, in large part, to the construction of a sewage disposal system. Scranton, Pa., also reported a strong increase in permit values, up 110.9 percent to $32.8 million from $15.5 million. Since March 1987, Scranton consistently reported increases each month over the same period in 1986.

Other cities reporting significant increases in building permit values were Cedar Rapids, Iowa, up 103.5 percent to $78.2 million from $38.4 million; Detroit, Mich., up 101.2 percent to $388.1 million from $192.9 million, and Providence, R.I., up 89.7 percent to $61.7 million from $32.5 million.

Los Angeles was first among the cities with the largest total value of permits issued, with $3.6 billion in 1987, a decrease of 2.4 percent from $3.7 billion in 1986. New York was second, at $2.7 billion, down 12.5 percent from $3.1 billion. (Among the five boroughs of New York, The Bronx had the largest increase, again this year, up 115.6 percent to $363.7 million from $168.7 million.) San Diego was third, at $2.0 billion, down 7.2 percent from $2.1 billion.

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Cities showing the largest decreases in 1987 were Anchorage, Alas., down 66.5 percent to $80.6 million from $240.3 million; Elizabeth, N.J., down 61.7 percent to $15.8 million from $41.3 million; and Gary, Ind., down 61.7 percent to $11.7 million from $30.6 million.

Building permit values are issued by The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation on a monthly basis. Data are compiled for the nation's 202 largest cities, as defined by populations contained within their city limits. These values include permits issued for both commercial and residential construction.

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(See attached tabular data.)

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U.S. Building Permit Values
yearly data, 1986 vs. 1987

Top Ten Cities Ranked by Total Value of Permits Issued

	CITY:	TOTAL 1987	TOTAL 1986	% Change
1	LOS ANGELES, CA	$3,623,353,231	$3,710,604,828	-2.4%
2	NEW YORK, NY	$2,684,028,787	$3,068,052,886	-12.5%
	MANHATTAN	$941,282,188	$1,722,789,554	-45.4%
	QUEENS	$796,648,959	$527,279,242	51.1%
	BRONX	$363,695,887	$168,712,691	115.6%
	STATEN ISLAND	$326,557,902	$365,648,965	-10.7%
	BROOKLYN	$255,843,851	$283,622,434	-9.8%
3	SAN DIEGO, CA	$1,966,840,208	$2,120,181,427	-7.2%
4	BOSTON, MA	$1,467,930,551	$1,380,945,989	6.3%
5	PHOENIX, AZ	$1,270,589,414	$1,219,165,001	4.2%
6	CHICAGO, IL	$1,191,577,141	$1,341,457,237	-11.2%
7	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	$1,113,503,126	$1,130,515,870	-1.5%
8	HOUSTON, TX	$885,140,707	$1,269,746,442	-30.3%
9	DALLAS, TX	$866,939,958	$1,155,934,844	-25.0%
10	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	$840,152,859	$538,997,487	55.9%

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RANK BY % CHG.:	CITY:	TOTAL 1987	TOTAL 1986	% Change
1	MIAMI BEACH, FL	$93,784,859	$27,313,742	243.4%
2	DAYTON, OH	$201,179,707	$94,253,875	113.4%
3	SCRANTON, PA	$32,777,176	$15,541,172	110.9%
4	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	$78,183,383	$38,418,889	103.5%
5	DETROIT, MI	$388,076,028	$192,899,310	101.2%
6	PROVIDENCE, RI	$61,713,638	$32,537,434	89.7%
7	JERSEY CITY, NJ	$323,736,679	$172,459,735	87.7%
8	ALEXANDRIA, VA	$179,356,016	$99,375,863	80.5%
9	KNOXVILLE, TN	$142,800,426	$79,576,239	79.5%
10	COLUMBUS, GA	$183,082,659	$102,346,986	78.9%
11	NEW BEDFORD, MA	$62,199,475	$36,134,005	72.1%
12	EUGENE, OR	$94,825,053	$55,511,757	70.8%
13	YONKERS, NY	$60,056,074	$36,027,825	66.7%
14	CAMBRIDGE, MA	$176,164,504	$107,204,272	64.3%
15	SYRACUSE, NY	$74,406,580	$45,325,858	64.2%
16	POMONA, CA	$90,460,267	$56,020,785	61.5%
17	CLEVELAND, OH	$300,402,453	$192,091,384	56.4%
18	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	$840,152,859	$538,997,487	55.9%
19	INGLEWOOD, CA	$81,476,263	$54,258,935	50.2%
20	PEORIA, IL	$51,422,855	$34,492,306	49.1%
21	PUEBLO, CO	$52,709,142	$35,478,185	48.6%
22	ST. PAUL, MN	$177,919,827	$123,622,456	43.9%
23	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	$355,568,837	$247,258,139	43.8%
24	BERKELEY, CA	$52,797,636	$36,900,723	43.1%
25	GARDEN GROVE, CA	$72,941,687	$51,622,878	41.3%
26	MIAMI, FL	$271,609,276	$192,398,209	41.2%
27	BOISE, ID	$122,983,392	$88,023,195	39.7%
28	DECATUR, IL	$43,775,725	$31,655,494	38.3%
29	SALEM, OR	$87,347,147	$63,341,749	37.9%
30	ORANGE, CA	$238,973,644	$174,499,654	36.9%
31	ROCKFORD, IL	$75,519,801	$55,587,447	35.9%
32	BRIDGEPORT, CT	$67,364,174	$49,929,688	34.9%
33	TALLAHASSEE, FL	$159,267,191	$119,484,012	33.3%
34	FORT WAYNE, IN	$170,964,250	$128,622,983	32.9%
35	TORRANCE, CA	$198,224,914	$149,313,781	32.8%
36	HAYWARD, CA	$188,513,147	$146,367,049	28.8%
37	MACON, GA	$146,870,004	$114,830,594	27.9%
38	STOCKTON, CA	$188,686,817	$148,667,943	26.9%
39	NEW HAVEN, CT	$120,618,467	$95,261,347	26.6%
40	FREMONT, CA	$365,543,295	$291,050,930	25.6%
41	RICHMOND, VA	$188,953,142	$150,806,330	25.3%
42	PASADENA, CA	$179,150,221	$143,577,464	24.8%
43	GREENSBORO, NC	$241,171,890	$193,568,421	24.6%
44	HONOLULU, HI	$836,328,258	$674,057,485	24.1%
45	WICHITA, KS	$209,928,936	$170,026,388	23.5%
46	LEXINGTON, KY	$288,566,360	$236,073,238	22.2%
47	TACOMA, WA	$200,261,161	$165,561,066	21.0%
48	WACO, TX	$85,133,703	$71,416,431	19.2%
49	COLUMBUS, OH	$797,585,531	$670,215,550	19.0%
50	TRENTON, NJ	$48,530,265	$40,816,361	18.9%
51	FULLERTON, CA	$106,606,167	$90,234,571	18.1%

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52	DURHAM, NC	$235,942,889	$200,306,235	17.8%
53	TOPEKA, KS	$100,175,328	$85,101,317	17.7%
54	AMARILLO, TX	$108,463,978	$93,068,452	16.5%
55	MILWAUKEE, WI	$295,298,412	$256,240,309	15.2%
56	LAREDO, TX	$47,859,718	$41,558,167	15.2%
57	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	$203,697,635	$177,127,395	15.0%
58	COLUMBIA, SC	$167,994,781	$147,472,712	13.9%
59	DAVENPORT, IA	$39,083,761	$34,442,237	13.5%
60	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	$117,892,931	$104,228,673	13.1%
61	ROANOKE, VA	$59,501,570	$52,753,602	12.8%
62	CHATTANOOGA, TN	$155,785,647	$138,365,449	12.6%
63	BIRMINGHAM, AL	$271,281,005	$241,239,119	12.5%
64	TAMPA, FL	$526,308,935	$468,754,232	12.3%
65	HOUMA, LA	$11,397,319	$10,155,760	12.2%
66	MEMPHIS, TN	$787,483,761	$707,697,038	11.3%
67	ANAHEIM, CA	$244,898,323	$222,502,708	10.1%
68	FRESNO, CA	$245,613,217	$224,201,888	9.6%
69	ONTARIO, CA	$304,635,293	$279,911,839	8.8%
70	OMAHA, NE	$245,621,274	$229,321,621	7.1%
71	HIALEAH, FL	$102,271,915	$95,497,510	7.1%
72	WATERBURY, CT	$80,561,006	$75,364,463	6.9%
73	ALBANY, NY	$95,927,851	$89,973,526	6.6%
74	BOSTON, MA	$1,467,930,551	$1,380,945,989	6.3%
75	FALL RIVER, MA	$64,724,633	$61,049,839	6.0%
76	PHOENIX, AZ	$1,270,589,414	$1,219,165,001	4.2%
77	JACKSONVILLE, FL	$763,410,982	$736,531,239	3.6%
78	LINCOLN, NE	$129,688,214	$125,820,900	3.1%
79	MADISON, WI	$132,803,096	$130,339,166	1.9%
80	DEARBORN, MI	$120,714,267	$118,788,540	1.6%
81	YOUNGSTOWN, OH	$12,024,592	$11,858,777	1.4%
82	JACKSON, MS	$125,196,684	$124,437,357	0.6%
83	CINCINNATI, OH	$219,716,801	$218,385,291	0.6%
84	PORTLAND, OR	$244,137,497	$244,187,143	-0.02%
85	RALEIGH, NC	$378,498,405	$378,698,010	-0.1%
86	HARTFORD, CT	$231,180,176	$231,320,233	-0.1%
87	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	$1,113,503,126	$1,130,515,870	-1.5%
88	LOS ANGELES, CA	$3,623,353,231	$3,710,604,828	-2.4%
89	CHESAPEAKE, VA	$280,514,973	$287,617,158	-2.5%
90	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	$417,954,132	$428,840,277	-2.5%
91	CHARLOTTE, NC	$795,053,770	$816,758,037	-2.7%
92	SPRINGFIELD, MO	$147,413,006	$151,563,595	-2.7%
93	MONTGOMERY, AL	$167,597,800	$173,605,500	-3.5%
94	ATLANTA, GA	$761,195,220	$794,128,109	-4.1%
95	BROCKTON, MA	$29,686,458	$30,979,874	-4.2%
96	WASHINGTON, D.C.	$632,116,249	$659,783,004	-4.2%
97	NASHVILLE, TN	$784,420,475	$820,632,434	-4.4%
98	ALLENTOWN, PA	$19,267,496	$20,311,062	-5.1%
99	ORLANDO, FL	$266,155,311	$281,448,115	-5.4%
100	LITTLE ROCK, AR	$200,868,833	$213,804,114	-6.1%
101	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	$142,666,505	$152,989,302	-6.7%
102	AKRON, OH	$92,009,795	$98,702,494	-6.8%

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103	SPRINGFIELD, IL	$81,938,289	$88,317,628	-7.2%
104	SAN DIEGO, CA	$1,966,840,208	$2,120,181,427	-7.2%
105	LIVONIA, MI	$181,147,477	$195,779,333	-7.5%
106	SEATTLE, WA	$658,389,074	$719,746,723	-8.5%
107	RENO, NV	$195,801,755	$214,218,115	-8.6%
108	SHREVEPORT, LA	$129,983,166	$143,162,255	-9.2%
109	DULUTH, MN	$48,193,100	$53,117,237	-9.3%
110	INDEPENDENCE, MO	$70,739,631	$78,432,802	-9.8%
111	NEWARK, NJ	$65,416,110	$72,586,186	-9.9%
112	SAN JOSE, CA	$497,014,333	$551,513,874	-9.9%
113	WINSTON-SALEM, NC	$145,479,707	$161,440,074	-9.9%
114	LONG BEACH, CA	$435,595,339	$489,983,610	-11.1%
115	CHICAGO, IL	$1,191,577,141	$1,341,457,237	-11.2%
116	SPRINGFIELD, MA	$183,550,716	$206,658,457	-11.2%
117	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	$142,188,330	$160,576,246	-11.5%
118	HAMMOND, IN	$14,406,749	$16,303,127	-11.6%
119	STERLING HEIGHTS, MI	$94,315,653	$106,766,020	-11.7%
120	GREEN BAY, WI	$57,460,817	$65,398,358	-12.1%
121	PASADENA, TX	$17,587,353	$20,068,222	-12.4%
122	NEW YORK, NY	$2,684,028,787	$3,068,052,886	-12.5%
	BRONX	$363,695,887	$168,712,691	115.6%
	QUEENS	$796,648,959	$527,279,242	51.1%
	BROOKLYN	$255,843,851	$283,622,434	-9.8%
	STATEN ISLAND	$326,557,902	$365,648,965	-10.7%
	MANHATTAN	$941,282,188	$1,722,789,554	-45.4%
123	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	$768,229,683	$883,823,764	-13.1%
124	HOLLYWOOD, FL	$90,860,758	$104,984,403	-13.5%
125	DES MOINES, IA	$94,645,115	$109,369,376	-13.5%
126	NORFOLK, VA	$143,242,862	$166,179,825	-13.8%
127	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	$363,018,696	$421,421,235	-13.9%
128	RIVERSIDE, CA	$262,865,444	$306,668,677	-14.3%
129	ANN ARBOR, MI	$85,223,079	$99,621,130	-14.5%
130	STAMFORD, CT	$163,921,135	$191,808,836	-14.5%
131	KANSAS CITY, MO	$466,080,808	$549,809,254	-15.2%
132	BAKERSFIELD, CA	$179,800,706	$213,037,002	-15.6%
133	SANTA MONICA, CA	$103,582,823	$123,571,548	-16.2%
134	KANSAS CITY, KS	$53,208,295	$63,710,562	-16.5%
135	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL	$142,941,157	$173,312,864	-17.5%
136	LAS VEGAS, NV	$286,358,594	$349,886,893	-18.2%
137	HUNTSVILLE, AL	$173,670,111	$215,325,078	-19.3%
138	MOBILE, AL	$108,125,824	$134,099,247	-19.4%
139	SUNNYVALE, CA	$136,150,274	$168,928,238	-19.4%
140	SAN ANTONIO, TX	$521,332,578	$654,731,795	-20.4%
141	WORCESTER, MA	$155,511,798	$196,496,330	-20.9%
142	SOUTH BEND, IN	$48,118,389	$61,291,114	-21.5%
143	LOUISVILLE, KY	$65,689,361	$84,106,834	-21.9%
144	SPOKANE, WA	$75,800,053	$97,202,146	-22.0%
145	CANTON, OH	$12,251,733	$15,726,210	-22.1%
146	OXNARD, CA	$87,251,111	$112,271,380	-22.3%
147	SANTA ANA, CA	$286,002,457	$368,972,201	-22.5%
148	ARLINGTON, TX	$312,581,724	$407,108,112	-23.2%
149	SACRAMENTO, CA	$359,098,554	$469,594,330	-23.5%
150	WICHITA FALLS, TX	$31,161,722	$40,951,045	-23.9%
151	BATON ROUGE, LA	$201,405,560	$266,950,424	-24.6%
152	ST. LOUIS, MO	$260,014,070	$346,179,924	-24.9%
153	DALLAS, TX	$866,939,958	$1,155,934,844	-25.0%

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154	MESA, AZ	$444,061,042	$593,445,621	-25.2%
155	FORT WORTH, TX	$451,115,339	$608,340,315	-25.8%
156	EL PASO, TX	$281,913,777	$381,093,736	-26.0%
157	DENVER, CO	$260,574,667	$357,401,558	-27.1%
158	TEMPE, AZ	$213,603,900	$293,558,861	-27.2%
159	LUBBOCK, TX	$100,375,616	$139,317,952	-28.0%
160	BUFFALO, NY	$59,791,914	$83,046,029	-28.0%
161	NEW ORLEANS, LA	$214,485,780	$299,030,810	-28.3%
162	OAKLAND, CA	$176,892,258	$249,159,250	-29.0%
163	BEAUMONT, TX	$52,760,910	$74,507,366	-29.2%
164	NEWPORT NEWS, VA	$163,831,787	$232,509,647	-29.5%
165	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	$143,407,615	$203,671,654	-29.6%
166	TUCSON, AZ	$286,818,009	$411,069,240	-30.2%
167	HOUSTON, TX	$885,140,707	$1,269,746,442	-30.3%
168	SAN BERNARDINO, CA	$154,649,771	$222,273,438	-30.4%
169	ROCHESTER, NY	$68,967,796	$99,327,338	-30.6%
170	TULSA, OK	$144,937,055	$210,124,100	-31.0%
171	ODESSA, TX	$18,839,194	$27,341,625	-31.1%
172	GLENDALE, CA	$252,196,306	$370,079,318	-31.9%
173	ERIE, PA	$21,040,976	$30,878,150	-31.9%
174	GLENDALE, AZ	$181,321,342	$274,814,154	-34.0%
175	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	$315,113,307	$480,286,223	-34.4%
176	HAMPTON, VA	$99,833,308	$153,613,754	-35.0%
177	MANCHESTER, NH	$84,923,047	$130,907,317	-35.1%
178	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	$442,548,954	$689,314,035	-35.8%
179	WARREN, MI	$64,243,256	$100,435,566	-36.0%
180	PORTSMOUTH, VA	$63,598,067	$100,077,945	-36.5%
181	GARLAND, TX	$118,114,613	$186,114,972	-36.5%
182	EVANSVILLE, IN	$103,304,798	$162,942,582	-36.6%
183	LAKEWOOD, CO	$59,686,111	$96,031,299	-37.8%
184	ABILENE, TX	$51,053,530	$82,292,950	-38.0%
185	MODESTO, CA	$151,853,423	$246,070,723	-38.3%
186	AURORA, CO	$109,079,690	$179,095,966	-39.1%
187	PITTSBURGH, PA	$154,214,516	$254,223,123	-39.3%
188	AUSTIN, TX	$467,508,286	$771,142,644	-39.4%
189	LOWELL, MA	$48,484,424	$83,940,453	-42.2%
190	SAVANNAH, GA	$75,119,959	$133,842,347	-43.9%
191	PARMA, OH	$39,202,312	$73,125,435	-46.4%
192	TOLEDO, OH	$74,679,685	$140,320,913	-46.8%
193	CONCORD, CA	$90,954,555	$171,082,625	-46.8%
194	PATERSON, NJ	$36,837,000	$69,378,353	-46.9%
195	FLINT, MI	$25,530,067	$53,459,806	-52.2%
196	LANSING, MI	$39,762,265	$84,200,952	-52.8%
197	IRVING, TX	$179,996,879	$403,956,776	-55.4%
198	GARY, IN	$11,694,210	$30,559,457	-61.7%
199	ELIZABETH, NJ	$15,811,821	$41,322,515	-61.7%
200	ANCHORAGE, AK	$80,597,486	$240,311,673	-66.5%
201	PHILADELPHIA, PA	N/A	N/A	N/A *
202	BALTIMORE, MD	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total 202 Cities -	$52,285,968,699	$55,705,774,576	-6.1%

* Not included in percent change calculation

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